

HEART TO HEART

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
Part of the Diocese of Northampton, Province of Westminster and Deanery of St Alban

First Sunday of Advent - Year B - 29th November 2020



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NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS: parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org is the new Parish email address. Please use this email address for all future emails to the Parish office.

MASSES: The current lockdown ends on Tuesday 2nd December. The Church will be open for private prayer from 10.00am to 11.00am on Wednesday 3rd December and then we will revert back to having four Masses per week on Saturday (6.30pm), Sunday (9.00am and 11.00am) and Wednesday (9.30am) with no further private prayer sessions for the moment. Mass times for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be announced shortly.

The same Covid requirements and procedures will apply as before, including mandatory face covering, unless exempt. For Mass intentions, email parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org or place an envelope in the Presbytery letterbox suitably annotated. The following Masses this week will be celebrated by Fr Mirek privately without a congregation.

Saturday 28 th		Jim Slattery RIP	Our Lady on Saturday
Sunday 29 th		Deceased members of the Sacred Heart Thursday Club	First Sunday of Advent
Monday 30 th		People of the Parish	St Andrew
Tuesday 1 st			St Edmund Campion
Wednesday 2 nd		Peter Blessing RIP	
Thursday 3 rd		Sinead Garahee-Sugrue RIP	St Francis Xavier Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees
Friday 4 th	2.30pm	Funeral - Chiara Rena Riley RIP	St John Damascene
Saturday 5 th		Harry Sheridan RIP	St Birinus

SACRAMENTS: There are no Confessions or Rosary until further notice. Baptisms are by necessity only. Church weddings with up to 15 attendees are permitted. Church funerals with a maximum of 30 attendees are permitted. No pastoral visits can be made if self-isolating until the isolation period ends.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: Thank you to our volunteer cleaners and stewards who enable us to open the Church for private prayer and conduct funerals. If you would also like to volunteer, are under 70 years of age and not shielding, then please email parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish office is closed with Parish admin is being managed remotely on a voluntary basis via the email address parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT: A free online coaching programme www.vitaeopus.co.uk is available to Parishioners providing a wealth of job hunting and self employment information, advice and support for anybody seeking work. Please pass the web link on to anyone who might find it helpful.

DIOCESAN UPDATES: If you would like to be kept up to date with the latest news and information from Bishop David, the Curial Departments and Cathedral Diocese then enter your email address in the box in the top right hand corner of the Diocesan web page www.northamptondiocese.org

SCHOOL PLACES IN LUTON: An application for a school place must be made by 15th January 2021 for any child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017. For an information pack or further information please email admissions@luton.gov.uk or call 01582 548016 or write to Admissions Team, Children, Families and Education Directorate, Luton Council, Town Hall, George Street, Luton, LU1 2BQ.

SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICIES: St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust has updated the Admission Policies (for admission in September 2022) for Cardinal Newman Catholic School, St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary School, St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School. The consultation period is now open until 31 December 2020. Details of the policies can be found on the Trust website www.stcat.co.uk/trust-governance/consultation-documents. If you require a hard copy or have comments to make in regard to the proposed policy, please contact Maxine Gilmartin on consultation@stcat.co.uk, or by post to Maxine Gilmartin, St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, c/o St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School, Pastures Way, Luton, LU4 0PF.

THE BOWES FAMILY: Ken and Margaret Bowes would like to let all of their friends and fellow worshippers in the Parish know that they are relocating to a care home in Chelmsford. We wish them well in their new home.

PARISH GIVING: In addition to other option (see www.sacredheartluton.org) to make donations, you can call the Diocese each Tuesday between **10.00am** and **4.00pm**, a member of the Cathedral team will be available by phone on **01604 712065** for you to make a Parish donation.

HELPING OTHERS: Please do what you safely can for elderly or vulnerable individuals, especially those living alone. Pastoral care is available by contacting the Parish Office. Please print and safely pass on a copy of this newsletter to Parishioners who do not have online access.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: The Prayer Group continues to gather virtually and would be pleased to pray for any intentions. Please email your intentions to parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org

SANCTITY OF LIFE: On Saturday 5th December you may wish to pray at home as an Act of Prayer and Witness for the Sanctity of Life for the 2,102 unborn babies who died from abortion in 2019 in Luton and also for their parents. The next Witness for Life is scheduled for Saturday 23rd January 2021.

BEREAVEMENT MASS: There will be no Bereavement Mass this November. Instead, the plan is to have a Bereavement Mass next November to cover a two year period.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: Lists of deceased can be put into the Presbytery letterbox marked 'November Dead List' with your offering. Holy Mass will be offered for those on the lists during November.

CHIARA RENA RILEY RIP: The funeral service for Rena (84 years of age) will be at 2.30pm on Friday 4th December at The Vale Cemetery Chapel followed by burial at 3.15pm at The Vale Cemetery. Covid restrictions apply, including face coverings, unless exempt, and a maximum of 30 attendees.

JOSE PEDRO VINCENTE DA COSTA RIP: The funeral service for Jose (65 years of age) will be at 11.00 am on Wednesday 9th December at Sacred Heart Church followed by burial at 12.15pm at The Vale Cemetery. Covid restrictions apply, including face coverings, unless exempt, and a maximum of 30 attendees.

KATHLEEN (KATE) O'CALLAGHAN RIP: The funeral service for Kathleen (87 years of age) will be at 12.00 Noon on Friday 18th December at Sacred Heart Church followed by burial at 1.15pm at The Vale Cemetery. Covid Restrictions apply, including face coverings, unless exempt, and a maximum of 30 attendees.

RIP: Please remember Kathleen O'Callaghan RIP, Jose Pedro Vincente Da Costa RIP and Chiara Rena Riley RIP and all other recently deceased Parishioners and also keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Iris Mowatt 2004; James Foley 1953; Henry Madden 1974; Charles Morris 1987; James Keenan 2000; Paschal Kearney 2000; Philip Glover 2005; Kathleen Boston 1994; Michael McCallig 2001; Thomas Fagan 2004; Dominic Vicente 2013; John Fitzsimmons 1969; Maria Aradi 1978; Margery McGrath 2000; David Christie Mulhall Barber 2016; Baby John McGettigan 1964; Winifred Whittaker 1994; Antonio Barbato 1994; Mary Hay 1998; Veronica West 2003; Denis Roache 2005; Alfred Barnes 1959; Delores Rodriguez 1969; Annie Mulholland 1971; Kate Fagan 1978; Thomas Brewerton 1999; William John (Billy) Purcell 2016. ✘ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**